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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ward *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/730,525

Filed: December 5, 2000

For: Herbicide-tolerant Protox Genes

Produced by DNA shuffling

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: David Kruse

Atty Docket: PB/5-20757G

REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2002, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks made below.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 9, 2002, the claims were restricted into two groups:

Group I, claims 5-13; and

Group II, claims 15-23 and 25.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the claims of group II (claims 15-23 and 25),
without traversal.

Applicants retain the right to petition from the restriction requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be entered and made of
record in the file history of the present application.

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